

mon by A. T. Wirick, and remarks by Rev. Evans of the M. P. church, Butler Center, Ind. After the sermon and remarks the congregation was dismissed by Brother Hoover of Garrett. At the close of the meeting there was a call given to the Brethren officers of both classes, the Pleasant View and Auburn class to meet at Brother Groggs' at Garrett for the purpose of considering the reuniting of both classes into one class. The meeting was held on the night of August 17, 1901. The result of the meeting was to the effect that both classes reunited and henceforth will be known as the Pleasant View class of Auburn Junction, Ind. The object of this meeting was that we may become stronger and can work to a better advantage in the service of our Lord. Brother Baker was chosen delegate to the conference. Also he was elected one of the trustees.

The annual business meeting of the Pleasant View class was held August 3, 1901. The officers elected at this call are as follows: Trustee, C. Grube; treasurer, John Grube; secretary, sister M. L. Hoffman. Also the church chose Rev. A. T. Wirick as their pastor if they could meet the necessary requirements.

The officers of the Pleasant View church of Auburn Junction are at present as follows: Trustee, Calvin Grube, William Mason and Aaron Baker; chairman, Martin L. Hoffman; secretary, Mrs. Cora E. Hoffman; treasurer, John Grube.

Our business meeting closed with a general good feeling existing in the church.

MRS. CORA E. HOFFMAN.

#### Dunlaps, Ind.

Since our last report from this place five have been received into the church by baptism. We truly have reasons for encouragement. These are all from one family: father, mother, two daughters and one son-in-law. We feel there are more almost persuaded. They subscribed for the EVANGELIST the same day they were baptized.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

#### Trans-Missouri Flashes and General Observations

Nature just now is exemplifying a beautiful lesson in this country. The excessive heat and drought of the last few months stamped the earth with the paleness of death and decay. Recently we were blessed with some refreshing showers, and old mother earth has again robed herself in her beautiful spring garb of green and freshness. New life is observable everywhere even in the countenance and conversation of men. Sometimes in the spiritual atmosphere great drought prevails, and all our zeal, love, faith and hope seem to be drying up. We have experienced this and felt discouraged. We prayed and humbled ourselves before God. God took notice. Refreshing showers of divine grace began to fall. Gloom and discouragement vanished. All the graces of spiritual love and beauty seemed to spring up in double portion. Our hearts became filled with thankfulness, strength, joy and gladness.

Brother, sister, when you become discouraged, pray. Yes, pray. Pray earnestly and sincerely. It is the best remedy.

Preachers can not be true to their calling unless they reprove people for their sins. But when they do so, they should not ignore themselves. It is often good to take our own medicine.

Sin, sickness and death are inseparable companions. So are righteousness, health and life. "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—JESUS.

Christianity, when properly appreciated means everlasting youth, freshness, health and beauty.

There ought to be something nobler about culture than simply to paint with.

"Higher criticism" will yet keep on criticising until it criticises the blood of Jesus clear out of the

Bible. But when "H. C." has it out, it will still be there and continue as of old to beautify and fill with hope, joy and peace every lesson of the grand old book.

Thank you, brother editor, for the compliment with which you recognize me in EVANGELIST No. 32. Now, can't you get the white haired old preacher a job? A few years ago some youthful sprig objected to me because, "We don't want an old grandpa to preach for us." Well, they have left the Brethren church,—gone with Dowie. Possibly there is a nook somewhere where grandpas have not yet become so objectionable. We have but little interest left in life, only to do what little good we can.

If the old proverb that "Variety is the spice of life," be true, what must we think of the old, ratty, dull and stereotyped formalities of some pulpits?

If I were boss I would compel the strong and well-established churches to be satisfied with the weaker preachers, and send all our scholarly, eloquent and best preachers into the more weak places. My motto is, the weaker the place the stronger should be the preacher.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.

#### Caffeen, Ill.

Again we endeavor to pen some church news from Shoal Creek church. One more received into the fold by baptism, our own daughter's son Praise the Lord for his converting power.

Our love feast was a very enjoyable one, though only twelve were permitted to partake.

We crave the prayers of the church, not for earthly blessings, but that we may live in strict harmony with God and his word. Then we know that all things of an earthly nature that we need will be forthcoming, for he has promised who is both able and true.

ETTA STUDEBAKER.

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## Married

NORRIS—LONG—At Warsaw, Ind., August 19, 1901, Mr. Lester E. Norris and Miss Zelda P. Long were united in marriage by the writer. Mr. Norris is a member of the Brethren church and will still live in the community. Both parties are to be congratulated. May they be both useful and happy.

C. F. YODER

KNEPPER—GOOD—At the residence of the bride's father, brother A. R. Good, of Second street, Conemaugh, Pa., at 8 P. M., Thursday, August 22, 1901, Mr. Gilbert L. Knepper of South Fork and sister Mary Good of Conemaugh, brother A. R. Good's eldest daughter were made one in holy matrimony in the presence of a few of their immediate friends. May their wedded life be a long, happy and prosperous one. The ceremony was performed by the writer.

J. F. KOONTZ.

## Died

SELLARS—Ann Rebecca Staley was born in Franklin Co., Pa., April 20, 1826. Christened in the Lutheran church May 21, 1826, by Rev. Miller. She came to Indiana with her parents, settling in Huntington Co., near Bracken in the early history of the county. Was married to Mr. George Sellars in 1845. To this union was born four children, one son and three daughters, the son, one daughter and husband have preceded her to the Spirit world. Two daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild and many friends remain to mourn their loss. The last conflict was long battling with disease for nearly a year, but the final contest came at the home of her daughter in Marion, Ind., August 14, 1901, aged 75 years, 3 months and 24 days. Funeral from the Union church near Bracken, Ind. Interment in the cemetery near by to await the resurrection.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### The Clinging Hands

Forward.

"Unloose thy clinging hands, and bear to others the message that I ascend to my Father," seems to have been in substance our risen Lord's word to Mary. In one form or another it is his word to all of us many times along life's journey. We cannot hold fast the treasures to which we cling so closely. Whatever joy or blessing or sweet relationship that is of God's giving cannot belong to earth alone; it must do its work for us here and pass on.

But, oh, how we shrink from the change! The old familiar guise is so dear, the old days have been so happy, the ties of long years are so precious, how can we loose our clinging hands and let them go? How can we turn bravely to the untrodden paths, and accept the new order of things as the best order? Yet often ways must needs part if two are to go faithfully about the Master's work. Earthly homes must change if the home above is ever to draw our longing hearts, and many a joy must take its flight ere we welcome the coming of the Comforter. So here and there, from this delight and that our hands are unclasped,—not to lose what we have held, but to have it lifted higher,—and we are bidden to carry to others the message that its presence has taught us.